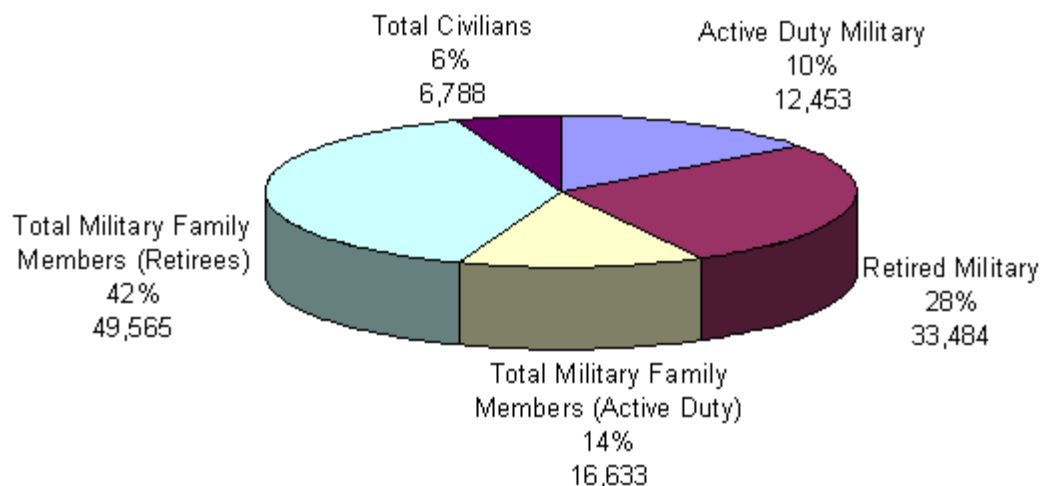


The City of El Paso is home to Fort Bliss, the largest Air Defense Artillery Training Center in the world. Since 1848, Fort Bliss has grown steadily alongside its host city. Located in the northeastern region of El Paso, Fort Bliss currently stretches over 1,119,700 acres into southern New Mexico. The base occupies an area larger than the entire state of Rhode Island.

Because of its size, Fort Bliss hosts "Roving Sands," the world's largest Joint Tactical Air Operations exercise that utilizes Army, Marine, and multinational air defense units to create an integrated air defense network. While the primary mission of the post is air defense, it is also home to U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Joint Task Force-6, and the William Beaumont Army Medical Center. As of June 2003, Fort Bliss records indicate that it supports over 122,011 combined military and civilian personnel and dependents. Of this total, 12,453 are active duty military personnel; 33,538 are retirees; 6,953 are civilian employees; and 63,674 are family members (active and retired).

Ft. Bliss Population Profile June 2003



Total Population Supported: 122,011

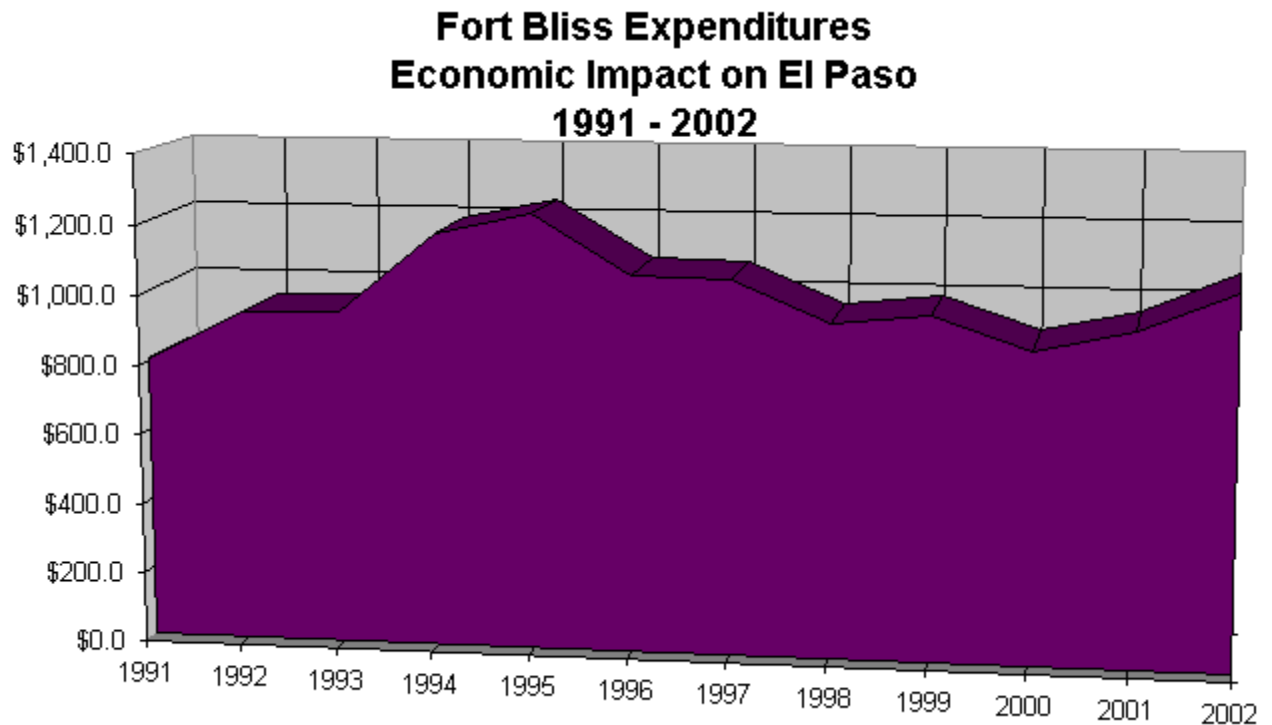
Source: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center, Fort Bliss, Texas.
Office of Economic Development already has updates. 23 July 2003

Fort Bliss Population Profile - June 2003

Active Duty Military	17,846
Retired Military	33,538
Total Military Family Members (Active Duty)	16,467
Total Military Family Members (Retirees)	47,207
Total Civilians	6,953
Total Population Supported	122,011

Source: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Fort Bliss, Texas, June 2003.

Total 2002 economic activity associated with the Base (as measured by personal income) is approximately \$1.7 billion. This impact includes direct spending on salaries and pensions, as well as earnings created by the ripple effects associated with the Base payrolls and contracts. To put this figure in context, total personal income in El Paso is estimated at \$13.25 billion for 2002, meaning that Fort Bliss accounts for just under 13 percent of local economic activity.



FORT BLISS EXPENDITURES IN EL PASO	
Fiscal Year*	Expenditures (in millions)**
1990	\$785.1
1991	\$806.0
1992	\$946.0
1993	\$950.0
1994	\$1,180.2
1995	\$1,240.3
1996	\$1,072.3
1997	\$1,069.9
1998	\$954.7
1999	\$982.5
2000	\$888.6
2001	\$951.3
2002	\$1,063.1
* Fiscal Year runs from October 1 to September 30	
** Includes payroll amounts	

Fort Bliss is widely recognized for its excellent relations with the El Paso community. Base units participate in a variety of community programs designed to help children, promote volunteerism, and cultivate strong ties with the city. Fort Bliss units also participate in the "Partnership in Progress" program, in which local businesses form partnerships with units and formulate a learning exchange program.